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SUBJECT: CODEL JOHNSON

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1. EMBASSY LOOKS FORWARD TO ARRIVAL SAUDI ARABIA OF SENATOR JOHNSON AND HIS STAFF, AND WILL DO ITS BEST TO MAKE VISIT AS USEFUL AS POSSIBLE.

2. WE NOTE PER PARA 2 OF REFTEL SENATOR IS PLANNING SPEND MOST OF JANUARY 12 IN RIYADH; ROYAL COURT HAS INFORMED US, HOWEVER, THAT KING AND ALMOST ALL MINISTERS EXPECTED TO BE IN JIDDA UNTIL ABOUT JAN 16. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS SENATOR REMAIN IN JIDDA UNTIL EVENING JAN 12, WHEN HE CAN DEPART AT 1800 HOURS FOR DHAHRAN VIA SV 896, ARRIVING 2040 HOURS. SENATOR WOULD THUS OMIT RIYADH STOP ALTOGETHER.

3. UPON ARRIVAL JIDDA FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 11, SENATOR WILL BE MET BY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER CHARLES DOSCHER AND ESCORTED TO AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. SENATOR IS INVITED TO BE AMBASSADOR'S GUEST WHILE IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JIDDA; STAFF MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO BE HOUSE GUESTS OF

DCM AND MRS. HUME HORAN (A TWO-MINUTE WALK FROM AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE). NO CALLS WILL BE POSSIBLE UPON SAUDI OFFICIALS FRIDAY, WHICH IS THE LOCAL SABBATH. AFTERNOON WILL BE OPEN FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR AND OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS. THAT EVENING AMBASSADOR PROPOSES TO HOST DINNER FOR NUMBER OF SAUDI OFFICIALS AND WELL-INFORMED U.S. BUSINESSMEN, AND MEMBERS OF EMBASSY COMMUNITY.

4. WITH REGARD TO SENATOR'S PROGRAM FOR SATURDAY, JAN 12, AUDIENCE HAS BEEN REQUESTED WITH KING FAISAL. IN ITS INTERIM REPLY, ROYAL DIWAN NOTES KING'S SCHEDULE WILL BE INTENSELY BUSY AT THAT TIME SINCE SENATOR'S VISIT COINCIDES WITH END OF HAJ HOLY DAYS AND KING WILL BE RECEIVING FAREWELL CALLS FROM NUMEROUS MUSLIM CHIEFS OF STATE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SENATOR'S APPOINTMENT WILL BE WITH CROWN PRINCE INSTEAD. OTHER CALLS EMBASSY IS REQUESTING INCLUDE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM ZAKI YAMANI, MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OMAR SAQQAF, AND (TIME PERMITTING) HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE MUS'AD BIN ABDUL RAHMAN, MINISTER OF FINANCE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY. LUNCH FOR SENATOR WOULD BE GIVEN AT HOME OF ARAMCO'S RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE IN JIDDA, MR. TONY GROH. MR. GROH IS FROM LOUISIANA, IS A GRADUATE OF LSU LAW SCHOOL, AND BELIEVES HE HAS MET THE SENATOR OR SOME OF HIS RELATIVES. SENATOR AND HIS PARTY WOULD BE ESCORTED TO AIRPORT BY MR. DOSCHER AT 1700 HOURS IN ORDER TO EMBARK ON SDI FLIGHT 896 THAT DEPARTS JIDDA 1800 HOURS AND ARRIVES DHAHRAN 2040 HOURS.

5. BECAUSE OF HEAVY PRESSURES UPON ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND OFFICES AT END OF PILGRIMAGE, IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR EMBASSY TO OBTAIN SPECIFIC TIMES FOR ALL OF APPOINTMENTS UNTIL IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO CODEL'S ARRIVAL.

6. FOR DHAHRAN: REQUEST CONSULATE GENERAL MEET SENATOR AND PARTY UPON ARRIVAL DHAHRAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. PLEASE ADVISE CODEL VIA SEPARATE MESSAGE OF HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DURING THEIR OVERNIGHT STAY IN DHAHRAN.

7. DCM HUME HORAN WILL BE CONTROL OFFICER FOR THE VISIT.  
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